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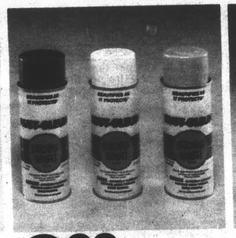

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Festival set to go

Final preparations were underway early this week for the upcoming Historic Appomattox Railroad Festival, scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and continue until 5 p.m. Sunday.

This week's festival, which will be the 11th annual celebration of local history, railroad memorabilia, and arts and crafts, will begin with a parade led by head conductor Jeff Taylor, news director for WSET-TV (Channel 13). The parade will originate at Appomattox Primary School and proceed through town and down Main Street, where it will pass before the reviewing stand at the railroad depot at approximately 10:30.

Festival activities will go into full swing following the parade. A concert by the famous Clark Family Band will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on the platform at the railroad depot, and the Joe Sweeney Classic, a 10-kilometer footrace through the town of Appomattox will start at 1 p.m. Scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. also is a fireman's competition event, which will be held at the field beside the Courtland Building on Court Street.

A fireworks display will begin at 8 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School grounds on Route 727, and from 8:30 p.m. until midnight, a street dance will be held on Main Street in front of the railroad depot.

Throughout the day Saturday, and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, a wide variety of exhibits, demonstrations and recreation will be available for festival participants.

Numerous exhibits, demonstrations and samples of products from times gone by will be featured at the "Good Ole Days" exhibit at the County Courthouse on Court Street.

Other new festival features this year will include an antique show, helicopter rides, a military equipment display, a diesel locomotive and railroad safety car display, a Ducks Unlimited Art display, and a display provided by Firearms, Inc.

The latter two displays will both be in the J.A. Burke Insurance office on Main Street. Firearms, Inc., is the world's largest gun engraving business, owned by Ken Hurst and Jack Jones of Rustburg. They will demonstrate engraving of guns, knives and belt buckles, and have a number of items on display and for sale. Profit from items sold will be donated to Ducks Unlimited.

The festival's recreation committee has again prepared a plethora of games, contests and other activites for the enjoyment of festival participants.

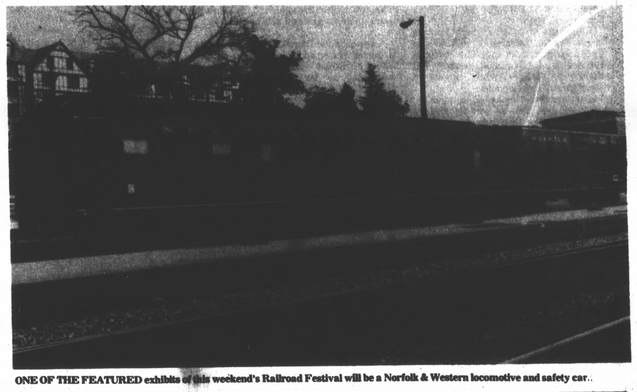
A new feature this year will be a "dunk tank." Local celebraties who will be available for dunking will be Town Manager Bill Britton; Mike Weiss, local manager of American Federal Savings and Loan; Robert Carter, attorney at law; Tom Bowman, principal of Appomattox Elementary School; local personalities Alton Smith, Keith Coleman and Kent Hancock, and others.

Other recreational activities will include games, balloons, a rabbitt display, pony rides, children's rides, a beard contest, an arm-wrestling contest, a buck-saw contest, a cross-cutting saw contest, a dance contest, a "guess-the-seeds-in-a-jar" contest, and the Saturday night dance contest.

Many of these activities will take place in the parking lot at Ed Harvey's appliance store, and at the lot behind the Courtland Office Building.

An additional treat for festival goers will be a full-contact karate match scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. Sunday on Main Street.

Sunday will also feature a continuation of the many displays, games, demonstrations, and other activities which will run during the day Saturday.



ONE OF THE FEATURED exhibits of this weekend's Railroad Festival will be a Norfolk & Western locomotive and safety car..

1983 Railroad Festival Schedule of Events

	Saturday, Oct. 8	Sunday, Oct. 9
PARADE (Head Conductor-Jeff Taylor (Beginning at Primary School and arriving at Depot at 10:30)	10 a.m.	
CEREMONIES AT DEPOT (Introduction of guests and awarding of parade trophies)	11 a.m.	
CLARK FAMILY CONCERT (on Depot Platform)	12 - 1 p.m.	
ARTS AND CRAFTS (Handmade items on display and for sale on Main Street)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
FOOD AND DRINK (Country cooking at Depot by church and civic groups-Main & Lee Streets)	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
EXHIBITS (Civil War Memorabilia, miniature trains, etc. Main St. & Courthouse Square)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
JOE SWEENEY CLASSIC (10K Foot Race (6.2 miles) starting at the High School on Rt. 722. Awards will be presented following race.)	1 p.m.	
ANTIQUE SHOW (Old Fidelity Bank Building on Main Street)	10 a.m. - 8 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
"GOOD OLE DAYS" (Step back in time with exhibits, demonstrations, and samples of products from the "Good Ole Days". You may visit the County Museum while you are in the Courthouse Square.) (Music on Clerk's Office steps.)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
CONTESTS (Cross cut sawing, arm wrestling, jar of seeds guessing game, buck saw, beard growing and neatly trimmed beard, dancing contest, etc.)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
RECREATION (Children's rides and games and Pony rides and dunking tank)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
DUCKS UNLIMITED EXHIBIT (Burke Insurance Building)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
FIREARMS, INC. (Burke Insurance	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
LIVE RABBIT DISPLAY (Ed Harvey's Parking Lot)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
MUSIC-COUNTRY, BLUEGRASS, GOSPEL (Depot Platform)	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
HELICOPTER RIDES (Practice football at ACHS on Rt. 727)	12 - DARK	1 p.m. - DARK
MILITARY EQUIPMENT DISPLAY (Field beside Courtland Office Bldg. on Court Street)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
FIREMAN'S COMPETITION (Field beside Courtland Office Bldg. on Court Street)	1 p.m.	
GP38 DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE N & W Safety Car & Power Car	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
MINIATURE TRAIN DISPLAY (In Farmers National Bank & Burke Insurance Building)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
CIVIL WAR MEMORBILIA (Commission on Aging Building)	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 - 5 p.m.
FIREWORKS (At ACHS on Rt. 727)	8 p.m.	
STREET DANCE (Dance held on Main Street in front of Depot; Public invited. Will have dance contests; Free Admission) (Bands: Blackwater & Dixie Blend)	8:30 - 12 p.m.	
FULL CONTACT KARATE MATCH (Main Street at Depot)		2 p.m. Sunday

Town office to close on Monday

The Appomattox Town Office will be closed Monday (Oct. 10) in observance of Columbus Day. Town trash pick-up will continue as normal, however.

The meeting of the Appomattox Mayor and Council scheduled for Monday evening has been postponed, and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Jim Cobb wins football contest

Jim Cobb of Pamplin was declared winner in last week's Times-Virginian Football Contest.

Cobb had a perfect score, predicting all 12 games correctly.

Curtis T. Mayberry Sr. of Appomattox missed accurately predicting only one game in the contest.

Cobb will receive a check for $20 as first place prize and Mayberry will receive a check for $10 as second place winner.

The contest continues this week, with full details on rules and prizes on page 11 of this issue of the paper.

SCHEDULE FOR DOWN AT THE DEPOT

Saturday, October 8

11:00 - 11:05	National anthem Steve Lawrence
11:05 - 11:30	Ceremonies on Depot Platform
11:30 - 12:00	Awarding of Trophies
12:00 - 1:00	The Clark Family
1:00 - 1:30	Beard Contest Announcements
1:30 - 3:00	First Reunion Tommy Jennings
3:00 - 3:30	Square Dancers Edna Arrington
3:30 - 5:00	Virginia Line John Stephens

Sunday, October 9

1:00 - 2:00	Rocky Run Dean Page
2:00 - 2:45	Karate Match
2:45 - 3:00	Announcements
3:00 - 4:45	Westbound Berkley Garrett

DAVID S. NASH, owner of D. S. Nash Construction Company, was elected president of the Appomattox County Development Corporation at Monday's meeting. Nash, an Appomattox County native has been in business in Appomattox County for 33 years. The Appomattox County Development Corporation is interested in the well being of existing businesses and in attracting new businesses to the area.

'Lightning strikes twice' on Road 719

For the second time in two years, while the family of Alice and Jerome Ramsey sat in their living room, a vehicle left State Road 719, plowed through their yard demolishing two vehicles.

On Friday night of last week, a fifteen year old girl, driving a four wheel Chevrolet truck, lost control of the vehicle just before reaching the home of the Ramsey family, sped through the yard, hitting a 1976 Datsun pickup with such force and truck was turned around and smashed against the brick and concrete stoop of the Ramsey's mobile home, wrecking both the truck and the stoop, but the vehicle didn't stop there.

A 1976 Ford car was parked in the yard and the speeding vehicle rammed the car, hit the corner of the mobile home just enough to dent it, but that wasn't the end of the ride.

Passing the mobile home the vehicle struck a telephone pole at the side of the home, snapping it off before coming to rest at the far edge of the yard.

"I was lying on the floor of the living room watching television," said Ramsey. "If that stoop had not been pretty sound, the vehicle just might have come on in the living room."

"It's bad enough to have our car and truck demolished and the stoop to our home ruined," said Mrs. Ramsey. "But it scares me when I think of what could have happened if children had been in the path of that car."

"We are a peaceful neighborhood; we have walkers, joggers, and a lot of children over here. When things like this happen, it scares everybody. Especially when a similar accident happened just two years ago. Parents should know where their children are," Mrs. Ramsey concluded.

The driver was fortunate in that there were no serious injuries.

New eatery opens Friday

The Heritage Inn, located on Church Street, will be opening for business on Fri., Oct. 7.

Owned and operated by Mrs. Helen Anderson and Mr. Pat Volturo, the restaurant will feature a variety of seafood, choice steaks, golden fried chicken, along with other dishes.

The Heritage Inn will offer a luncheon menu beginning Monday, Oct. 10.

Father Darkleaf

By CALVIN ROBINSON

Oct. 2 to 8 is National Nurse Week, a salute to Registered Nurse Week. There are 24,000 R.N.'s in the Old Dominion and they are a vital part of public service.

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Many believe that Nature puts on its most colorful display of Beauty in October. So a hearty welcome to the 10th month. My calendar shows only one holiday in October. Columbus Day will be observed the 10th. You can notice now that daylight hours are shorter. Saw one tree with a mass of red leaves, a joy to behold.

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Perhaps a dry season causes Nature to resort to colors other than green. And what does it mean when ants are extremely active with their underground diggings? Hard winter? In a portion of my yard I counted nearly forty "ant hills" and guessed it meant that our little tireless workers are excavating bigger underground living and storage quarters. I am sure that they have a motive. And while on the subject of Nature can report that outdoor chores caused my basement door to be open a lot lately. It was no surprise, then, that I heard a cricket somewhere in a corner. Got louder as he got hungry and thirsty. Couple of days later I managed to dispose of him as an uninvited intruder.. Dead and disposed of. And so, two days later I find a live cricket in the bedroom! Have always heard that mice go in pairs, and must conclude that so do crickets.

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Appomattox's Railroad Festival is at hand. You all come. Be on hand early and do not miss anything. Oct. 8 and 9.

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Have seen so much TV football lately feel like am ready to take over for Cosell. Redskin fans are mighty proud. ACHS goes to Buckingham this week and that traditional rivalry should offer a great game. And elsewhere, lots of close games. How about Slippery Rock College. Won over Millersville College 28 to 27, and then took on Indiana (Pa.) Saturday and won 15 to 14. North Carolina, Maryland and West Virginia are tops in this area, but VPI fans are encouraged. William and Mary defeated Yale.

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Item of interest to ladies who like to jog and run. May have a twenty-five run for ladies in the 1984 Olympics.

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Had a rash of automotive accidents statewide, and the death count now stands at some twenty more than same date last year.

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Thanks for reading and seeya around.

How history affected Appomattox

By MARK GREENOUGH,
Living History Interpreter,
Appomattox Court House National Historical Park

The small village of Appomattox Court House will always be remembered as the place where General Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant on April 9, 1865. Usually, attention has been focused on the two generals and the end of the Civil War in Virginia, rather than on the village itself where the surrender occurred. However, several new questions can be asked. What was the impact of Lee's surrender on the village of Appomattox Court House and the surrounding area? Why did Federal troops return to Appomattox after the surrender? How did life in Appomattox change in the weeks and months which followed?

The surrender of Lee's army at Appomattox Court House had a two-fold impact on the small community. First, Appomattox became a tourist attraction for artists, photographers, correspondents, and curiosity seekers. Second, when the armies marched away from Appomattox in April, they left behind a great deal of abandoned property which included horses, mules, wagons, leather, wool and cotton. Trouble arose in Appomattox, Amherst, and Campbell counties when small groups of citizens, paroled soldiers, and bounty jumpers began to seize this property at gunpoint. Local residents began to organize and arm themselves for their own defense.

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UNION SOLDIERS from Company D of the 188th Pennsylvania Infantry on provost guard duty pose in front of the old Appomattox Court House with some local civilians in a photograph taken late in the summer of 1865.

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